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INFO AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

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AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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S E C R E T FRANKFURT 5779

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CIVS, SREF, ET

SUBJECT: ASYLUM REQUEST OF MEMBERS OF ETHIOPIAN ROYAL FAMILY

REF: STOCKHOLM 3206

1. WHILE WE ARE NOT PRIVY TO ALL THE CONSIDERATIONS UNDERLYING THE HANDS OFF POSTURE EVIDENTLY DESIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN ITS EARLIER INSTRUCTIONS TO NAIROBI, IT SEEMS TO US AT THIS STAGE THAT (A) THE COLLINSES ARE DETERMINED TO BRING THESE CHILDREN TO THE UNITED STATES AND WILL NOT SHRINK BACK FROM PUBLICITY IF IN THEIR VIEW THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO GET THE DESIRED RESULT AND (B) OUR INTEREST IS TO DISPOSE OF THE MATTER AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AND AS QUIETLY AS POSSIBLE. IT SEEMS TO US THAT THE WORST OF ALL WORLDS WOULD BE TO HAVE THE QUESTION OF THESE CHILDREN BECOME A MATTER OF PUBLIC CONTROVERSY AT THE END OF WHICH WE WOULD BE SENDING THEM TO THE UNITED STATES ANYWAY. IT IS ALSO RELEVANT TO NOTE THAT WHILE WE CANNOT COMMIT THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

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IN ADVANCE WE NEVERTHELESS HAVE EXCELLENT REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THESE CHILDREN WOULD BE CONSIDERED PRIMA FACIE ELIGIBLE FOR CONDITIONAL ENTRY TO THE U.S. BY INS IF THEY SHOULD APPEAR HERE IN FRANKFURT, ARE REGISTERED WITH AN AUTHORIZED VOLAG AND PROVIDED 203(A)(7) NUMBERS ARE AVAILABLE.

2. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES WE WONDER WHETHER THE  
BETTER COURSE AT THIS STAGE WOULD NOT BE FOR US TO  
QUIETLY INFORM THE GERMANS THAT IF THE CHILDREN ARE  
PRESENTED TO THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION  
SERVICE IN FRANKFURT THE CHANCES ARE EXCELLENT THAT  
THEY WILL BE DOCUMENTED FOR ENTRY TO THE UNITED STATES.  
AT THE SAME TIME WE COULD EXPLAIN TO BOTH  
MRS. COLLINS AND, IF NECESSARY, THE SWEDES OUR  
REASONS FOR WISHING TO AVOID ALL PUBLICITY. THE  
ARGUMENT THAT PUBLICITY COULD JEOPARDIZE OTHERS  
STILL IN ETHIOPIA SHOULD BE A CONVINCING ONE TO ALL  
CONCERNED. LEHMANN

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